

Signature

PTO/SB/21 (05-03)

Dec. 23, 2003

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number Application Number 10/669.734 **TRANSMITTAL** Filing Date September 24, 2003 **FORM** First Named Inventor Tai Do Art Unit (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) 3754 **Examiner Name** Unassigned Attorney Docket Number 03-0372 Total Number of Pages in This Submission **ENCLOSURES** (Check all that apply) After Allowance communication Fee Transmittal Form Drawing(s) to Group Appeal Communication to Board Licensing-related Papers Fee Attached of Appeals and Interferences Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) Amendment/Reply Petition to Convert to a Proprietary Information After Final **Provisional Application** Power of Attorney, Revocation Status Letter Affidavits/declaration(s) Change of Correspondence Address Other Enclosure(s) (please Terminal Disclaimer Extension of Time Request Identify below): Request for Refund Return Postcard **Express Abandonment Request** CD, Number of CD(s) Information Disclosure Statement Remarks Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT Firm Individual name Brii K. Agarwal Signature Date Decembér 23, 2003 CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below. Typed or printed name Betsy A. Schreck

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Bets a. School



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

HYDRAULIC COUPLING

TAI DO et al.

Attorney Docket No. 03-0372

Application No.: 10/669,734

Attorney Docket No. 03-0372

Filed: September 24, 2003

Art Unit: 3754

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

December 23, 2003

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

5

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant submits herewith the attached Form PTO/SB/08A for consideration during prosecution of the subject application.

This statement is filed solely for the purpose of complying with the pertinent rules of the Office and is not intended to be a substitute for an independent evaluation by the Examiner of the art cited or an independent search by the Examiner. No representation of any nature is made or intended by the filing of this statement.

Respectfully submitted.

Brij K. Agarwal

Registration No. 43,507

Attorney for Applicants

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC

600 Grant Street, 44th Floor

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

412/566-6183



Sheet 1

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

03-0372

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Compl t if Known Substitute for form 1449/PTO Application Number 10/669,734 Filing Date September 24, 2003 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE First Named Inventor Tai Do STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Art Unit 3754 (Use as many sheets as necessary) Examiner Name Unassigned

Attorney Docket Number

				DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number Number-Kind Code ^{2 (d known)}	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	Α	^{US-} 5,083,819	01-28-1992	Kurt K. Bynum	
	В	^{US-} 5,362,110	11-08-1994	Kurt K. Bynum	
	С	^{US-} 5,586,790	12-24-1996	Kurt K. Bynum	
	D	^{US-} 5,388,866	02-14-1995	Alvin L. Schlosser	
	E	^{US-} 5,058,930	10-22-1991	Alvin L. Schlosser	
	F	^{US-} 5,388,866	02-14-1995	Alvin L. Schlosser	
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS									
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear				
		Country Code ³ Number ¹ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				Т			
						L			
	ļ					L			
						L			
						Ļ			
						L			

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	
o.g.iaia.c	Considered	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. *Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). *See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. *Senter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). *For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. *Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. *Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.